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## Library hosts Eggstravaganza weekend

Annual egg scavenger hunt for Easter held on April 4

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LUDLOW – On Saturday, Apr. 4, the Hubbard Memorial Library hosted the annual Eggstravaganza egg scavenger hunt which was sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Inviting youth of all ages, families, and friends to the drop-in event, the library had attendees search the grounds to discover the artwork created by the winners of the egg coloring contest.

When the kids found everything on the game board, they were awarded candy-filled eggs for the basket.

Speaking further with Youth Services Assistant Librarian Kristin Santos, “The Eggstravaganza Egg Hunt was a great success! The weather was gorgeous, and 240 people attended. The



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Teen volunteers Emerson (in costume) and Tierney, along with Emerson's younger brother smile together.

## Housing & Planning consultant gives update

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LUDLOW – At the Apr. 7 Select Board meeting, Housing & Planning Consultant Karen Sunnarborg provided an update from the Housing Production Plan to potentially approve and send to the State. Sunnarborg began by saying she worked with the Town previously on the 2018 housing plan, “It’s great to work with Ludlow again.

The three pieces; updated information on demographic, economic, and housing characteristics and trends, better understanding of current housing market and dynamic, and document priority housing needs; these pieces are really part of what’s called a housing needs assessment.

That assessment is a required component of the plan from the State, it’s pretty prescriptive on what it likes to see in these plans and after we’ve identified

some needs and we’ve been able to distill a lot of information, we identify strategies to address those needs as well as some goals.

It’s basically to get a roadmap for the next five years. These plans have five-year terms,” said Sunnarborg.

Member James Gennette asked Sunnarborg if they were reaching an expiration date on the Town’s current housing plan and Sunnarborg answered, stating that the plan has since expired, around 2024. Sunnarborg continued talking about affordable housing, “What is affordable housing?”

The Federal Government and the State Government to some extent basically embrace the definition. If you’re spending more than 30% of your income on housing costs, whether it be for ownership or rental, you’re living in

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## Pond Committee visits Select Board requesting funds and a call to action

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LUDLOW – “If you allow these ponds to die like what’s happening right now to Minechoag Pond, shame on us.” At the Apr. 7 Select Board meeting, Linda Nawracaj of the Pond Committee visited the board to provide an update and to request funds, to continue the work and maintenance of water within the area.

Chairperson William Rosenblum began stating he’s been in contact with the members who joined Nawra-

caj at the meeting; Nawracaj began explaining their reason for visiting.

Referring to Chairman of the Ludlow Pond Management Committee Judy Breault who was not present at the meeting, “I asked Breault why are we going to get these funds for 2026 when the budgets already done? The 40R funds that Breault was used to get for the ponds from Town Administrator Marc Strange, those are different and they’re not available anymore.

Now we have I think \$15,000 left in those 40R funds, and they’re specific-

ly earmarked for Minechoag Pond, but the first thing we have to do is get Minechoag Pond a permit. I understand that’s finely in the works because Minechoag Pond wasn’t treated because there was a mysterious plan that nobody’s ever seen in years.

The Pond Committee has spent a fortune trying to find it so that they could treat this pond. However, nobody can find it. Now the plan is to treat the pond and not impact these plants that might or might not still exist.

The fish kill is horrendous and it’s because of the lack of oxygen in the pond. We had

the same thing in Murphy Pond, and it stunk.

The pond is literally choked by the weeds,” explained Nawracaj. On behalf of Breault, Nawracaj had three jobs before leaving the visitation which was to get the money for 2026, find out what the Select Board wants in the future and what needs to be approved.

“The ponds absolutely, positively need to be treated or we’re going to lose them. It shouldn’t be that we are begging you for the money; it should be an automatic given that the ponds are going to get treated every year and

that’s what’s just necessary.

We need \$5,000 for the Minechoag Pond permit, for FY2026 the total needed is \$20,765. This will include the survey to be conducted on Wade Pond and the permit for Minechoag, not including the treatment.

For FY2027 budget, Breault’s estimating it’s going to cost \$10 to 15,000 to treat Minechoag Pond once the permit comes through,” said Nawracaj.

Member James Gennette commented to Nawracaj that part of the problem is the Select Board is in the discovery phase, “We don’t know

until everything gets established and all the bonds get under control what the regular budget amount is going to be. So, we’re just working through all the different amounts to try to get permits, to try to get treated, try to get under whatever the criteria is so that we can establish what a regular budget is going to be.

We’re not there yet so that’s part of the reason you cannot give us a number and part of the reason we can-

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Submitted photo

From left to right, Readers and Library Enthusiasts Jadiel Delgado, Magnolia Hunt, Oona Harutunian, and Brandon Montagna.

## Hubbard Library hosts Massachusetts Children’s Book Award Book Group

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LUDLOW – The Hubbard Memorial Library Massachusetts Children’s Book Award Book Group met on Apr. 9 for their last meeting of the year. Each year Salem State University sponsors the Massachusetts Children’s Book Award, in which 25 juvenile titles are nominated by participating teachers, librarians,

and interested publishers.

Youth in grades four through six then read at least five of the nominated books and vote for the one they feel should win. Schools and libraries submit the group’s votes which are combined with others from across the state to determine the winner.

Submitted by Youth Room Librarian, “This has been a very dedicated group of readers, with definite

opinions on which book they should win.

After voting, we celebrated with certificates and, more importantly, a ‘make own sundae party’” Reader Magnolia Hunt shared a few words, “One can’t find the perfect book, but you can find your passion in a book.” Oona Harutunian added, “The library is my special place. I’ve always found comfort there. I can’t wait to come back next year.”

## 75th wedding anniversary celebration



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Joaquim and Maria Fernandes recently celebrated their 75th anniversary at Tony & Penny’s Restaurant. See story page 2.

# Fernandes celebrated 75th anniversary

*Surrounded by generations of family members*

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LUDLOW – On Mar. 26, Maria and Joaquim Fernandes celebrated their 75th anniversary at Tony & Penny's Restaurant, surrounded by generations of family with strong local connections in Ludlow and Teloos, a portuguese village. *The Register* was contacted by daughter Maria Dias who shared a few words about her parents and this special occasion, "My parents hit a 75th anniversary milestone on Mar. 26, 2026 and celebrated it at the Teloos Festa held at Tony & Penny's Restaurant.

Teloos is the portuguese village in Vila Pouca De Aguiar Portugal where it all began and where my parents



Submitted photos  
Surrounded by friends and family, Maria and Joaquim Fernandes celebrated their 75th milestone on Mar. 26, 2026.

were married, so it was fitting to celebrate it that night with others from Teloos and neighboring villages. Also attending were their five living children, grandchildren,

great grandchildren and a new great great grandchild, as well as other family members of parents.

My parents immigrated to Ludlow in May 1973 and

have remained and raised their family in Ludlow," said Dias.

Happy 75th Anniversary Maria and Joaquim Fernandes.



Generations of family surrounded Maria and Joaquim Fernandes on Mar. 26, 2026.

## "Cabaret Jazz" concert to be presented at Ludlow Community Ctr.

LUDLOW – Mary Jo Maichack, professional vocalist, and pianist Stephen Page will present an hour's program of songs from the Great American Songbook, "Cabaret Jazz—The Songbook Voice and Piano" for adults (free and open to the public) at Ludlow Community Center on Thursday, April 16 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public.

This program is supported in part by the Ludlow Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Ms. Maichack has spent decades as a full-time singer and storyteller. She is known for her beautiful vocals and as a storyteller, attention to the nuances of lyrics.

"I longed to sing these tunes that I grew up hearing and meant so much to

my family, as they did to others. To interpret the standards—ones loved by Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald, Barbara Streisand and their peers—is a moving experience. The composers of the day from Gershwin to Rodgers and Hart were superb, creating sublime music and lyrics. Many of the greats were immigrants to America, for whom English was a second language, making their accomplishments even more

staggering."

Mr. Page of Amherst offers decades of experience as a jazz pianist. An exciting improviser, he has performed and taught in countless venues, accompanying legendary Sheila Jordan at the Iron Horse, playing with bass player Avery Sharpe and others, and in solo concerts. He teaches piano performance at Amherst College, Deerfield Academy and in his private studio.

## Wilbraham Women's Club Fashion Show on April 23

WILBRAHAM – The Wilbraham Women's Club is sponsoring a Fashion Show Luncheon on Thursday, April 23, at the St. Cecilia Parish Center, 42 Main St., Wilbraham.

Clothing from Chico's in the Longmeadow Shops will be featured. The catered luncheon choices are Salmon with dill sauce or Chicken Francaise.

There will also be a raffle for many prizes and gift certificates. Join us at 11:30 for a social time with hors d'oeuvres fol-

lowed by lunch at Noon. The donation is \$42 and is a fundraiser for the club's scholarships and charitable donations to needy organizations in the area.

For reservations, please make checks payable to Wilbraham Women's Club and mail to Sue Agnew, 7 Aspen Dr., Wilbraham 01095. For questions, call Sue at 596-9480.

Be sure to include meal choice in memo of check. Also, include with whom you wish to sit. Thank you for your support.

## Sen. Oliveira applauds Senate Passage of FARM Bill

*Oliveira secures targeted fair share investments for local schools and infrastructure*

BOSTON – State Senator Jake Oliveira (Ludlow-D) announced today that he has secured targeted investments for local schools and infrastructure across the Hampden, Hampshire, and Worcester District as part of the Massachusetts Senate's \$1.57 billion Fair Share supplemental budget.

The legislation combines direct investments in education and transportation with policy changes to lower housing costs, strengthen the primary care workforce, and provide relief to cities and towns facing rising costs.

"Communities across our district and the Commonwealth are feeling the pressure every day - school districts trying to keep up with rising special education costs, families navigating higher health care expenses, communities managing aging infrastructure," said Senator Oliveira. "This funding is about responding to those realities in a targeted, practical way."

As part of the broader statewide package, Senator Oliveira secured funding for projects identified through direct conversations with local officials, educators, and community leaders:

### Education Investments

\$125,000 for Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School to purchase EKG machines and related equipment for Health Assisting and Medical Assisting programs

\$120,000 for Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District for district-wide computer replacement and upgrades to computer graphics classrooms

\$110,000 for Longmeadow Public Schools for access control system replacement, expanded surveillance, and instructional technology upgrades

\$200,000 for Sgt. Robert R. Litwin School to replace the gymnasium floor

\$40,000 for Henry J. Skala School for play-

ground improvements

\$15,000 for South Hadley High School to upgrade auditorium light board systems

\$7,500 for Michael Smith Middle School for digital communication screens

\$25,000 for Ludlow Public Schools to help offset rising special education costs

### Local Infrastructure

\$100,000 for road improvements in Belchertown, including design work on the Main Street and North Main Street project

"These are practical investments; equipment students will use, facilities that need repair, and infrastructure communities rely on," Oliveira added. "They're targeted because that's how you make real impact at the local level."

The Senate's supplemental budget also makes significant Fair Share investments across Massachusetts, including:

\$618 million for education, including increased special education reimbursements and new investments in early education, literacy, and higher education research

\$763 million for transportation, including funding for municipal road repairs, regional transit, and MBTA improvements

\$100 million in municipal relief to help cities and towns respond to extraordinary winter costs from the 2026 blizzards

The legislation also includes policy initiatives that incentivize new housing construction by exempting certain building materials from the sales tax, and expand access to primary care through scholarships for UMass Chan Medical School students who commit to serving underserved communities.

These investments are funded through the voter-approved Fair Share surtax on annual incomes over \$1 million, which continues to generate revenue for education and transportation priorities across the Commonwealth.

The Senate passed the bill with a 35-4 roll call vote and sent it to the House of Representatives for further review.



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# Floral Fantasy

SPRINGFIELD – The 13th annual Festival of Flowers filled the galleries of the fine arts, history, and science museums with stunning floral arrangements. The interpretations were designed by florists and garden club members of paintings, sculptures, vehicles and even dinosaurs.



Shannah Chapin, Floral Manager, from Randall's Farm & Greenhouse created this palm tree made out floral items to recreate imagery from the children's book "Chicka Chicka Boom Boom" by Bill Martin and John Archambault. Seemingly stems create the letters which have fallen from the coconut tree. Hydrangeas, carnations, palms, craspedia, moss and twine combine to make this whimsical story come to life.



Randall's Farm & Greenhouse generously provided this sponsor arrangement which was spotlighted at Springfield Museum's Festival of Flowers.

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Joanne Teehan from Randall's Farm & Greenhouse created this patriotic floral display designed in celebration of America250.

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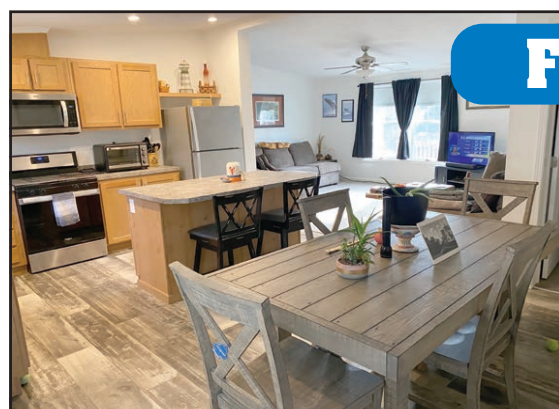
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# OPINION

## GUEST COLUMN



by Roberta McQuaid

### What I did last weekend

I was so looking forward to last Saturday, a day in which I did not have to drive anywhere. I could simply stay put and work on getting the yard in shape.

Boy, was it a long winter, and there was proof of that no matter where I turned.

Read on to learn which outdoor and indoor gardening activities kept me busy.

First I decided to tackle the perennial and shrub borders that I walk by the most often. Half of the reason we garden is because we like to stand back in admiration, so I figured if I cleaned those up I'd have something to feel good about on my way to the car or the chicken coop.

I leave many perennials standing through the winter, especially those with seed heads the birds might like to dine on.

So, before I got out the rake, I went plant by plant with my hedge clippers, cutting the dead and brown stalks to about "fist" height from the ground. Hedge clippers make fast work of this task. After that came the rake, with which I carefully cleaned the bed of matted leaves and the plant parts I just cut back. As I was working, I weeded out clover, and some perennial grasses that appeared within the bed, and although I am nowhere near ready to apply bark mulch, I got out the spade and did my best to put a crisp edge on the border with the lawn. Looking good.

While I was putting tools away I found (gasp) some hyacinth and daffodil bulbs that never got planted in the fall. I cannot even believe that there were green tips on these bulbs that sat in an empty pot in my unheated subarctic garden shed over the winter months.

I figured that after that torture they deserved to be planted. I sunk them twice their height deep and watered them in. Say a prayer.

My "Redbud garden" shares a stone wall with some thornless blackberry bushes. It may not have been smart on my account to have an ornamental garden opposite plants that like to sucker like crazy but such is life when you want to squeeze in as many plants as you can into the space you've got...Anyway, ten foot long canes jumped the wall into the

bed where I have a few bulbs and biennials at the base of the Redbud.

I was able to give the canes a strong yank and lo and behold I have three new blackberry bushes free for the taking. I separated them from the mother plant, potted them up and will delight a friend with them, just as my friend Kelly's husband had done for me some years back.

These berries are so wonderful. Even with a small patch I am always able to freeze a couple of quarts for use in the off-season. Yum!

With stems cut back, leaves raked, weeds and suckers removed and the beds given a crisp edge, I felt good enough about leaving outlying gardens for another day. It was time to turn my attention to tomato seedlings that had long since outgrown the seed packs the seeds were sown in the third week of March.

Typically we transplant when the first true leaves form. I am maybe a week late.

Carefully I lifted out the clumps of seedlings and gently pried the roots apart. Tomato seedlings can be sunk deeply, almost up to their leaves; new roots will form on the stems.

After a gentle watering they will go back under the grow lights they until they are big enough to be moved from the six packs to a four inch pot. Probably by May 1.

What is next on the agenda? Next weekend I have to assess my potato patch. I'll probably pull up old red raspberry canes nearby to expand the bed.

Blueberry bushes need some fertilizer. Asparagus could use lime and compost, probably some weed-ing as well.

There is never a dull moment this time of year, and I am not sure I'd want it any other way.

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## GUEST COLUMN

### A spring cleaning for your medicine cabinet

Research has found that 80% of households have unused or expired medications on a shelf somewhere, probably in the medicine cabinet. Now that April is here, you can do your part to reduce that percentage.

There are several reasons for the build-up of unused and expired meds. A doctor may change a dose or switch a patient to a different drug before the first prescription is finished. We often stop taking a medication once our symptoms go away, such as with antibiotics or painkillers.

Unpleasant side effects may cause us to stop taking something. And providers may prescribe more medication than we actually need for a recovery period.

The third Friday of April – April 17 this year – is National Clean Out Your Medicine Cabinet Day, a reminder that keeping old or unused medications is potentially dangerous to us and our environment. On April 25, National Drug Take-Back Day will give you the opportunity to get rid of those drugs in a free and safe way.

Here are some things to look for:

**Expiration dates**  
Since 1979, drug manufacturers have been required to stamp an expiration date on their products, the date at which the manufacturer guarantees the full potency and safety of the medication. With the exception of nitroglycerin, insulin and liquid antibiotics, most drugs are OK to use well after their "expiration date"; they may just lose some potency.

So, you can save money by not automatically throwing out "expired" aspirin or acetaminophen. You can also make medications last longer by keeping them in a cool, dry place away from pets, kids and adolescents. The bathroom medicine cabinet, despite its name, is about the worst place to keep them because of warmth, humidity and accessibility.

**Opioids**  
According to the Cen-



By Teri (Dreher) Frykenberg, RN  
Guest Column

ters for Disease Control and Prevention, approximately 105,000 people died from drug overdose in 2023, and more than three-quarters of the deaths involved opioids.

These powerful painkillers are potentially addictive and dangerous, even deadly. If your dentist gave you a few Oxycodone or Vicodin tablets to take after a procedure, and if you kept a few "just in case," get rid of them.

**Antibiotics**  
Keeping antibiotics past their expiration date and disposing them willy-nilly is a recipe for disaster. Old antibiotics don't perform as well, which may cause a bacterial infection to last longer and become more serious.

Flushing them or putting them down the drain puts them into the environment and can encourage antibiotic resistance or "superbugs," making infections harder to treat in the future.

**Liquids**  
Liquid medications like cough syrups are especially prone to bacterial growth once they have been opened. The preservatives that keep ingredients sterile degrade over time.

When that happens, bacteria can multiply inside the bottle. Using these products can introduce bacteria into a person's eyes, ears or digestive system, progressing to an infection.

Old eye drops, for example, pose a major contamination risk. Bacteria can grow in an opened bottle of preservative-free eye drops. Putting them in your eyes, an organ that is connected to the bloodstream, can cause all kinds of havoc from mild irritations to eye ulcers.

Keep on hand...  
The most useful medications are those that help deal with common aches, allergies

and illnesses. These include:

- Pain relievers/fever reducers: Acetaminophen (i.e. Tylenol), ibuprofen (i.e. Motrin) or aspirin.

- Antihistamines: Medications such as Benadryl, Claritin, Zyrtec or their generic equivalents.

- Antacids: This can include tablets like Tums or liquids like milk of magnesia.

- Decongestants: Common ones include Sudafed and Neo-Synephrine. Be careful using nasal decongestants, as they can cause rebound congestion.

- Antidiarrheals: Don't be caught without some Imodium, Pepto-Bismol or their generic cousins.

If you do end up with out-of-date or unneeded prescriptions (including prescriptions that a pet may have had), you have an opportunity to get rid of them during National Prescription Take-Back Day on April 25. Since 2010, more than 200 million pounds of drugs have been collected. For information and locations, visit [dea.gov/takebackday](http://dea.gov/takebackday), where you can search by city, county, state or zip code.

Unused medications thrown in the trash can be retrieved and abused, or illegally sold. If they are flushed, they can contaminate the water supply. Proper disposal of unused drugs saves lives and protects the environment.

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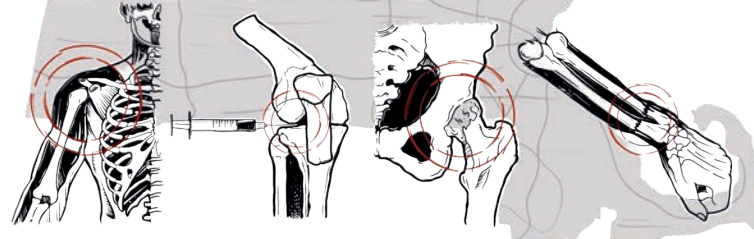
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LPS Food Services Director Kathleen Keady with the "Shamrock Crew" who helped collect and transport the food to those in need.

Turley photo by Amanda Munson

## LPS Food Services Director Kathleen Keady talks Shamrock Share, food insecurity, and local support

By Amanda Munson  
Staff Writer  
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LUDLOW – On Saturday, Mar. 28, the Shamrock Share week-long food drive, organized by the Ludlow Public School Food Services Director Kathleen Keady, met at the Ludlow High School to collect food one more time before the first annual drive concluded.

Keady began, "We had the collection boxes all over Town and the schools, and at

Harris Brook Elementary, the school was having a contest to see which classroom raises the most. Their prize is going to be me dressed up as a lion, they're going to get milk and cookies, as I am reading a book to them.

It was a huge hit for the first time, I learned a lot and next year will be even better. We started the annual Shamrock Share food drive on the 24th and ran it until today, Mar. 28, and the schools really rallied.

We collected after school

and it's been a great week! Both organizations, the Community Survival Center and the Ludlow Veteran Services, are just unbelievable.

My thing is, I can feed our kids Monday through Friday, breakfast and lunch. I can't feed them on the weekends and I can't feed them at night.

I was very concerned when I thought they might

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# What's Happening at Hubbard Memorial Library

To register for programs or find out more information, visit [ludlow.cwmars.org](http://ludlow.cwmars.org), or call (413) 583-3408 x113. Weather-related announcements for outdoor events will be made on the library's Facebook page the morning of the program.

Library Hours: Mon 9-5, Tue 9-8, Wed 9-5, Thu 9-8, Fri 9-5, Sat 10-2. Closed Saturdays during the summer, Sundays and holidays.

**Friends of the Hubbard Memorial Library, third Thursday of the month, 6:00 pm.** Get involved! Join the Friends of the Library for their monthly meeting and learn how you can help support the library.

### FOR ADULTS

**Spring Into Reading Challenge, April 19-25.** Spring Into Reading on Beanstack, and log your reading each day, April 19-25. Adults and youth can sign up and complete the challenge to earn tickets to put toward our Summer Reading raffle prizes. You can also earn tickets by completing additional activities for Space Week and National Library Week. Visit [www.beanstack.com](http://www.beanstack.com) to register. For more information, or for assistance, please call (413) 583-3408 x114.

**Backyard Astronomy - Using the Library Telescope & Binoculars! Thursday, April 23, 6:30-8 pm.** Join us for an evening of space and science fun, including a chance to see Venus, Jupiter, and the Moon through a telescope! Jim Zebrowski of the Aldrich Astronomical Society will present a forty-five minute talk followed by a sky viewing session on the library's lawn (weather dependent). Plus, see the Orion Reflector telescope available for checkout at the library! This program is for all ages - children must be accompanied by an adult. Please register.

**Sound Energy Healing Series, One Saturday per month, 10:30 am.** Enjoy an hour of peace and calm absorbing healing vibrations from instruments like the quartz crystal bowl. Session led by Mystic Willow. Bring a yoga mat, towel, or something to lay on during the program, as well as a blanket. Dates: 4/25, 5/23, 6/13. Sign-ups are for the individual session, not the entire series. Please register.

**Chair Volleyball for Seniors, every Thursday, 1:30 pm.** Have some fun and join us for chair volleyball! No running or jumping required. Please register, though walk-

ins are welcome.

**Technology Appointments,** Have questions about your smartphone, tablet, or laptop? Book a 30-minute, one-on-one technology appointment by visiting the reference desk or calling (413) 583-3408, x114.

**Seeking Local Artists,** Seeking local artists, craftspeople and collectors who would like to display their wares in the library's display case. Exhibits remain in place for one calendar month. For more information, or to arrange a showing, call (413) 583-3408, x113.

**Mass Center for the Book Monthly Reading Challenge,** Each month, read a book based on a chosen theme. Participants will be entered to win a free tote bag full of books! For more information and to sign up, please visit <https://www.massbook.org/readingchallenge-2>

**Who picked this book? Book Club Meeting, first Thursday of the month, 3:30 pm.** Join us for this month's Who picked this book? Book Club meeting! Pick up a copy of this month's book at the circulation desk.

**Hppy Hour Book Club Meeting, last Thursday of the month, 6:30 pm.** Join us for this month's Happy Hour Book Club meeting! Pick up a copy of this month's book at the circulation desk.

### FOR YOUTH

**Dino Explorers: Unearth a Story - Storytime for 2-3s, Fridays (weekly) through May 8, 10 -11 am.** For ages 2-3. Please register.

**Dino Explorers: Unearth a Story - Storytime for 3-5s, Mondays (weekly) through May 11, 10 -11 am.** For ages 3-5. Please register.

**True Tales Storytime for homeschooled 5-8s, Wednesdays (weekly) through May 6, 1-2 pm.** For homeschooled 5-8 year olds. Please register.

**Grow, Play & Learn Playgroup for 0-2 year olds, Thursdays, April 16,30 (NOT 4/23) 9:45 - 10:30 am.** Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE. Please register.

**Grow, Play & Learn Playgroup for 2-5 year olds, Thursdays, April 16,30 (NOT 4/23) 10:45 - 11:30 am.** Sponsored by Pathways for Parents CFCE. Please register.

**Online Gaming Club for YAs, Thursdays, April 16,23,30, 3:30 - 5 pm.** For ages 10-15. Drop-in, first come first served.

**Sewing Clinic, Thursdays (biweekly), April 16,30, through May 28, 5:30 pm.** For middle and high school.

Please register.

**April Showers Tissue Paper Stained Glass, Friday, April 17, 2:00 - 3 pm.** For ages 5-10. Drop-in.

**Minecraft Club, Saturdays, April 18, 25, noon to 1:50 pm.** For ages 7-11. We have Minecraft accounts. Please register.

**Saturday Morning Pajama Party, April 18, 11 am.** For youth of all ages and families. Drop-in.

**Spring Into Reading Readathon, Friday, April 19 through Friday, April 25.** For youth of all ages. Sign up or log into the Beanstack app and log your reading each day to earn extra tickets to put towards the Summer Reading Program raffles.

**Paper Making Workshop, Tuesday, April 21, 1:30 pm.** For ages 8-17. Please register.

**Anime Club, (biweekly) Tuesdays, April 21, 3:30 to 5 pm.** For middle and high schoolers. Please register.

**Youth Crochet Club, (biweekly) Tuesdays, April 21, 5:30 to 6:30 pm.** For ages 10 - 17. Please register.

**Little Green Thumbs, Thursday, April 23, 11 am.** For ages 5-17. Please register.

**Clothespin Butterflies, Thursday, April 23, 4:30 pm.** For ages 8-12. Please register.

**Tween Graphic Novel Book Club, Thursdays (monthly), April 23, 5 pm.** For ages 10-14. Please register.

**Space Scavenger Hunt, Thursday and Friday April 23-24.** For youth of all ages. Drop-in.

**"Read Between the Lines" High School Book Group, Fridays (monthly), April 24, 3 - 4 pm.** For high school age. Please register.

**Blackout Poetry, Tuesday, April 28, 6 pm.** For ages 10-17. Please register.

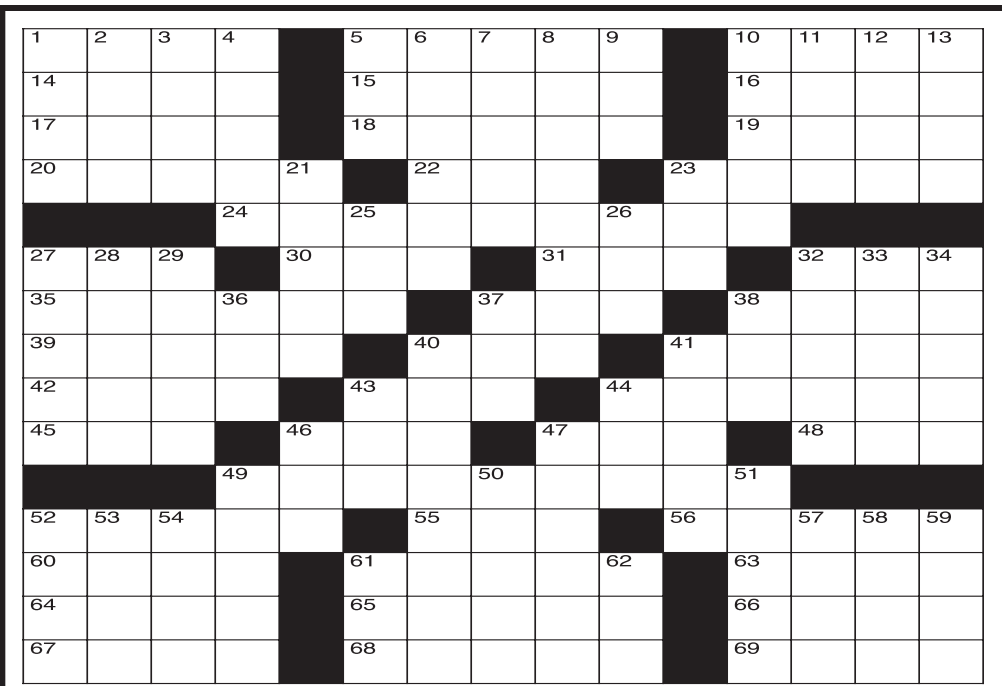
**Pokemon Club, (biweekly) Wednesdays, April 29, 3:30 to 4:45 pm.** For gr. 3-8. Please register.

**Sing With Me, every Tuesday, 10:30 to 11 am.** For 0-5s. Drop-in.

**Lego Build Challenge, every Wednesday, noon to 5 pm.** Drop-in.

**Daily Drop-In Crafts,** all ages. DIY crafts available in the Youth Room daily. New craft each week.

**Young Adult Volunteer Program, ongoing.** For 6th grade through high school. Volunteer one hour a week in the youth room. Please see our website calendar for more information and to submit an application.



### CLUES ACROSS

1. Greek goddess of marriage
5. Tropical American blue jay-like bird
10. Abba \_\_, Israeli politician
14. Dark olive black
15. Light, crinkled fabric
16. Notre Dame has a golden one
17. Leaked blood
18. Confronted
19. Negligible amount
20. Facilitated
22. Hill or rocky peak
23. Minneapolis suburb
24. Songs to one's beloved
27. Brake horsepower
30. Angry
31. Children's game
32. Spelling is a type of one
35. Obtained in return for labor
37. Indicates center
38. Chinese dynasty
39. Old World buffaloes
40. Slang for time off

### CLUES DOWN

41. Fabric
42. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
43. Defunct regional economic organization
44. Philly footballers
45. Female sibling
46. Peter Griffin's daughter
47. Digital audiotape
48. Insecticide
49. Scientific instrument
52. Pages may be dog-\_\_
55. Israeli city \_\_ Aviv
56. Type of sword
60. Middle Eastern military title
61. Wise individuals
63. French Polynesian island
64. Popular shoe type
65. One of 50
66. Divulge a secret
67. Dish of cooked meat mixed with potatoes
68. Actress Zellweger
69. Romanian city

### CLUES DOWN

1. Greek cupbearer of the Gods
2. Ancient Syrian city
3. Small Eurasian deer (pl.)
4. Range of mountains
5. One thousand cubic feet (abbr.)
6. Spoke
7. City in Georgia
8. Theatrical
9. CNN's founder
10. Icelandic poems
11. Bjorn \_\_, tennis player
12. Bowfin genus
13. One point north of northeast
21. Political divisions in ancient Greece
23. Electroencephalograph
25. Cool!
26. Male parent
27. Where some gymnasts work
28. Capital of Vietnam
29. Sailboats
32. Shelter (Scottish)
33. Completed

### CLUES DOWN

34. Discharge
36. Arrest
37. Partner to cheese
38. Coffee receptacle
40. Stagnate
41. Satisfies
43. Snakelike fish
44. Consume food
46. Type of school
47. Erase
49. Inform
50. Girl's given name
51. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
52. Every one of two or more things
53. Northern India city
54. Seventeenth stars in a constellation
57. Weapon
58. Amounts of time
59. Isodor \_\_, American Nobel physicist
61. Soviet Socialist Republic
62. Witness

## HOUSING PLAN

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housing that's not affordable.

The definition that you usually hear about, which is the focus of this particular plan, is the definition that says you have to meet certain requirements before the unit can be counted towards that subsidized housing inventory towards that 10% affordability goal or as part of housing production annual goals. Those requirements include that units have to be permanent, it can't be mobile homes or section eight vouchers, they have to be subsidized either directly by some government entity or approved through a subsidizing agency such as 40B comprehensive permit applications before a developer can submit them to the Zoning Board of Appeals for permitting.

They have to get approval from a subsidizing agency to get that go ahead. The other thing is they have to be affirmatively marketed, so folks outside the community have the ability to be notified of the opportunity and potentially able to apply.

Also, it means that even within the community, there needs to be some kind of action to get different applications, as mentioned above, there can be a set aside of 70% of the units for those who live and work within the community.

There is some attempt still to be able to reserve some of the housing for local folks. They have to be available to households earning at or below 80% of area median income," explained Sunnarborg.

Sunnarborg went on to describe an example stating for a household of three; the current income limits are \$86,100 and Sunnarborg stated they expect they'll be increased soon. "Usually HUD, Housing and Urban Development, releases them in Apr. and these income limits are established for every area of the country and updated annually by household size. What's affordable in Ludlow?"

The affordability of 10% is based on the year-round housing stock per the decennial census, so of the 8,720 year-round housing units in

2020; 307 units or 3.51% are included in the subsidized housing inventory; those units that meet all requirements. I should mention that besides the units that meet all those requirements, if a project is a multi-family rental development under 40B, even if 25% of the units count, all the units can be included in the SHI subsidized housing inventory.

So, the State does give some incentives for doing multifamily housing. The 43 units at Fuller Street and 95 units at Mill 8 on State Street will bring the SHI up from 307 to 445, or about 4%.

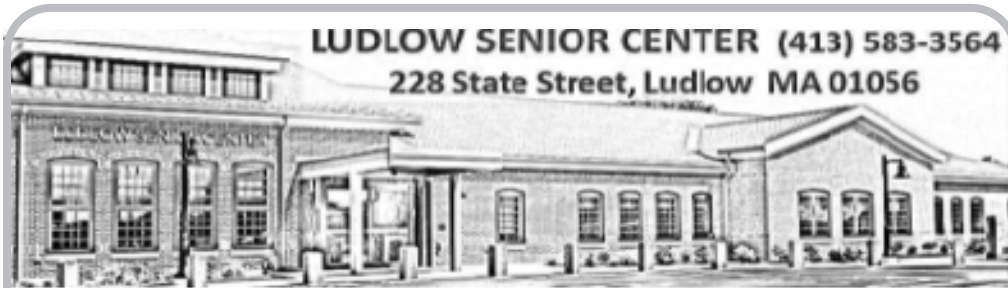
Progress has been made. There's still a gap to get to the 10% target.

Interestingly, not completely surprising, but all the units in the SHIO rentals... there are many more resources to develop and subsidize rentals than there is for ownership...89% of the SHI units are targeted to seniors and persons with disabilities," said Sunnarborg.

Sunnarborg reviewed at the meeting demographic, economic, and housing profiles, challenges to development, housing production goals, housing strategies and a range of options to bring Ludlow closer to the state 10% affordability threshold from the current level of 3.5%. This plan presented a proactive housing agenda for Town-sponsored initiatives to meet pressing local housing needs.

The Select Board moved to adopt the 2026 Housing Production Plan, motion passed 5-0.

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## Welcome to the Ludlow Senior Center

Spring is finally here! Come gather with friends in the Center's beautiful dining room and enjoy a delicious lunch, complete with coffee, tea, and dessert. To join us, call 413-583-3564 at least one day in advance to reserve your \$2 lunch (call Friday for Monday reservations).

The outdoor Gardening Club is back for volunteers interested in beautifying the Center. We have several new events and activities to keep you busy, including Swing Your Partner couple's western dance class, and learning about healing plants you may have in your backyard. Pick up our monthly newsletter at the Center or share your email with us to have it delivered directly to your inbox. You can also explore programs, find important forms, and learn more about what the Senior Center has to offer at [ludlow.ma.us/coa/](http://ludlow.ma.us/coa/). For the latest news and photos, be sure to "like" the Ludlow Senior Center on Facebook!

As the days grow brighter, we look forward to sharing warm meals, engaging programs, and good company. There's no better way to welcome spring than with a brisk walk! We are looking for facilitators to lead an early morning walking group. If you're interested, please call the Center at 413-583-3564 and ask for Maria.

### Activities Calendar:

Please register in advance for items with\*

#### Thursday, April 16

9 a.m. Tai Chi  
9:30 a.m. Dominos  
10:15 a.m. Mindful Meditation\*  
12:45 p.m. Mahjong  
1:30 p.m. Compass & Anchor Program w/Laura Lavoie\*  
2 p.m. Writers Block  
2:30 p.m. Active Yoga

#### Friday, April 17

8:45 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp\*  
9 a.m. Reiki by Appointment\*  
10 a.m. Boomer Bootcamp\*  
10 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks  
10 a.m. Behavioral Health Help Line Info\*  
1 p.m. Guidance by Li Grief Support\*  
1 p.m. Ceramics  
1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance\*

#### Monday, April 20

Center Closed for Patriot's Day

#### Tuesday, April 21

9 a.m. Quilting  
9 a.m. Line Dancing  
10 a.m. Cribbage  
10 a.m. The Healing Plants Around

### You\*

10:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga  
1 p.m. Beginner Mahjong  
1 p.m. Brown Bag Pick Up\*  
1 p.m. Swing Your Partner Western Dance Class  
1:30 p.m. Bingo  
4:30 p.m. Power Pump  
5 p.m. Movie: *Arthur the King* (2024)  
5 p.m. Trivia

#### Wednesday, April 22

8:45 a.m. Zumba Gold  
9 a.m. Facials by Appointment\*  
9 a.m. Ceramics  
10 a.m. Baby Goat Snuggles  
10:30 a.m. Healthy Bones & Balance\*  
1 p.m. Dominos  
1 p.m. Movie: *Arthur the King* (2024)  
1 p.m. Healthy Bones & Balance\*

#### Thursday, April 23

9 a.m. Tai Chi  
9:30 a.m. Dominos  
10 a.m. Sunshine Painting Class\*  
10:15 a.m. Mindful Meditation\*  
12:45 p.m. Mahjong  
2 p.m. Book Club: *Keeping Lucy* by TG Greenwood  
2:30 p.m. Active Yoga  
\*PLEASE register for Boomer Boot Camp, Healthy Bones & Balance, Foot Care, and other programs as noted by calling 583-3564

#### Daily Events:

Café: Monday – Friday 8-11 a.m.  
Exercise Room: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Open until 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday.  
Open Billiards: Monday –Thursday 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. Fridays 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Tuesdays 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

#### Menu:

Thursday, April 16: Chicken Cordon Bleu/Au Gratin Pot/Vegetable  
Friday, April 17: Pulled Pork Sandwich/Cole Slaw/Sweet Pot. Fries  
Monday, April 20: Center Closed for Patriot's Day  
Tuesday, April 21: Cheese Manicotti/Side Salad  
Wednesday, April 22: Kielbasa/Lazy Pierogi/Beet Salad  
Thursday, April 23: Beef & Broccoli/Rice/Egg Roll

Reserve a delicious \$2 lunch by calling a day ahead. all on Friday to reserve lunch on Monday.

For allergy concerns, call the Senior Center to inquire about ingredients at 413-583-3564.

## Victorian Tea Room at First Church in Ludlow

LUDLOW – Returning this year, First Church in Ludlow 859 Center St. Ludlow, MA is offering a day of elegance with our popular Victorian Tea Room. Join us on Saturday, May 2 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for a relaxing time with friends and family. Enjoy an elegantly served

variety of teas, finger sandwiches, scones and dainty sweet treats. Prices range from \$3 to \$7 per teapot or variety plate of treats.

Cash only, No reservations. Dress casually or fancy with a whimsical hat or fascinator. A photo memory space

available to take pictures. Surprise Mom with a pre-Mother's Day treat! Try your luck with a special raffle. We look forward to seeing you.

Call or text 413-237-4062 or message First Church in Ludlow at <https://www.facebook.com/firstchurchludlow> for more information.

## Cooking with a Recoveree Workshop uses food, culture, and lived experience to reach youth

INDIAN ORCHARD—Across the country, pediatric emergency departments continue to see the consequences of adolescent substance use long before prevention efforts ever reach young people. Overdoses, acute intoxication, and psychiatric crises often trace back to moments when prevention could have worked - but didn't.

A recent commentary in MedPage Today highlighted this gap, pointing to emerging evidence that peer-led, livedexperience-based prevention may reach adolescents more effectively than traditional curricula. The article referenced a study of more than 10,000 students showing that authentic recovery stories - not scripted lessons - were what shifted attitudes, reduced stigma, and increased willingness to seek help.

The Indian Orchard Citizens Council (IOCC) is bringing that approach home.

On April 12, 2026, IOCC will host Cooking with a Recoveree, a hands-on youth workshop funded through the RIZE Massachusetts Joanne Peterson Award. The event will take place at Taste of Tradition, a local Indian Orchard restaurant gener-

ously hosting the program. The workshop will be led by Chef Jonathan Santiago and his daughter, Chef Bella Santiago, who will guide youth through a culturally rooted cooking experience while sharing honest conversations about recovery, resilience, and choice.

### Why This Model Matters

Traditional prevention programs often fail to resonate with adolescents, who quickly recognize when messaging feels scripted or disconnected from their lived reality. Peer-led storytelling, however, creates a different kind of engagement - one grounded in honesty, relatability, and human connection.

"Food creates a natural space for conversation, trust, and connection," said Jacqueline E. Farrow, Program Director and Office Manager at IOCC. "When young people hear real stories from people who have lived through addiction and found their way into recovery, it opens doors that lectures simply don't."

The Santiagos will lead participants through a recipe that reflects their family's cultural roots while weaving in real stories of recovery

### Event Details

Cooking with a Recoveree Workshop Date: April 12, 2026

Time: 3-5 p.m.

Location: Taste of Tradition, Indian Orchard

Chefs: Jonathan & Bella Santiago

Hosted by: Indian Orchard Citizens Council

Funding: RIZE Massachusetts Joanne Peterson Award

The workshop is free and open to youth ages 13-21.

and healing. The workshop is designed to reduce stigma, build protective factors, and show youth that recovery is real and possible.

### A Community-Based Prevention Strategy

Recovery community organizations exist in nearly every region, yet they remain underutilized as prevention partners. IOCC hopes this workshop will demonstrate how community-embedded, culturally grounded, livedexperience programming can reach youth in ways traditional models often cannot.



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## Boys & Girls Club shares pool renovations

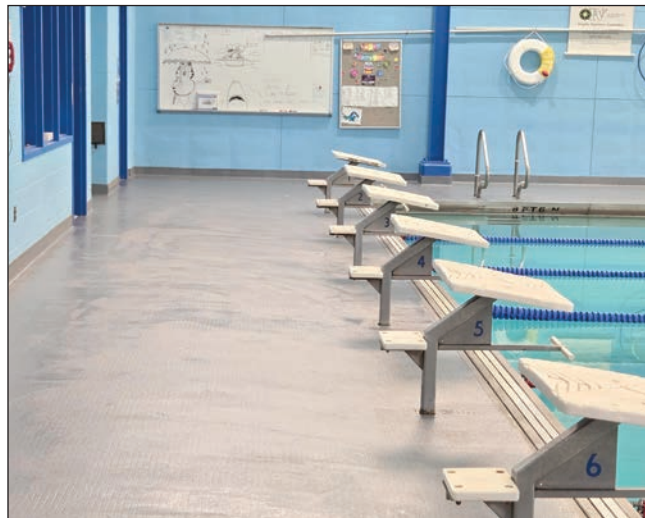
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LUDLOW – On Mar. 27, the Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys & Girls Club shared an update online of their recent pool flooring renovations, “The Club wants to send a huge thank you to everyone who helped us secure funding to renovate our pool floor! Because of your generosity, our members and children have a safer, more beautiful space to enjoy.”

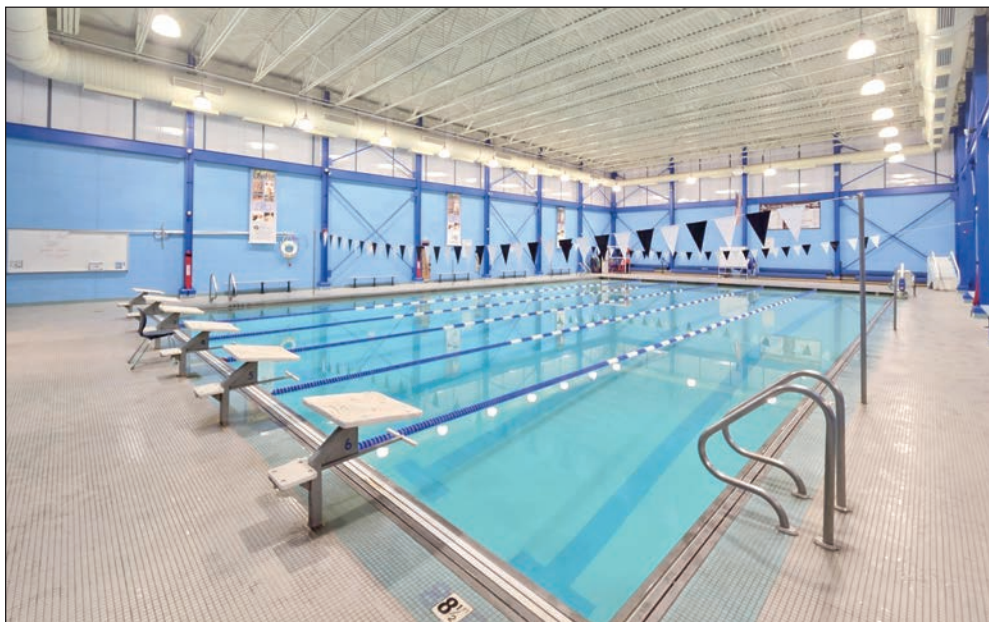
President/CEO Josue Irizarry shared a few words, “Thank you to the Town for their support for the repairs. The Club is proud to offer a pool that everyone in the community can be proud of and utilize.” Vice Chairperson Anthony Alves added,

“This was one of the first things I advocated for when I joined the board last year and I am glad to see the project completed. The pool floor was in need of repair,

and maintaining our assets in a timely manner to avoid escalating costs are important investments in our community.”



Before the repairs on the Ludlow Community Center/Randall Boys & Girls Club pool flooring.



After the repairs on the pool floor, which used epoxy for a smooth finish for the community to enjoy.



Attendees Jocelyn, Vella, Hazel, Brooke, Natalie, and Rose were excited to be searching for the Easter eggs.

Submitted photos

### EGG HUNT from Page 1

Friends of the Library generously sponsored and stuffed the candy-filled eggs, and we had some amazing teen volunteers who were instrumental in pulling off an event of this size.

Preparations began a few weeks ago with our coloring contest, which brought in nearly 100 submissions. We laminated the entries and created six different scavenger hunt boards showcasing everyone’s artwork.

The kids loved searching for their pictures, and it was wonderful to see groups working together during the hunt. Many even came back for additional game boards to try a new round.

This event is especially meaningful to me, as it was designed to create a more positive and inclusive alternative to traditional egg hunts, which can sometimes end in disappointment,” said Santos.



Siblings Jax and Isabella hold up their Easter egg artwork.

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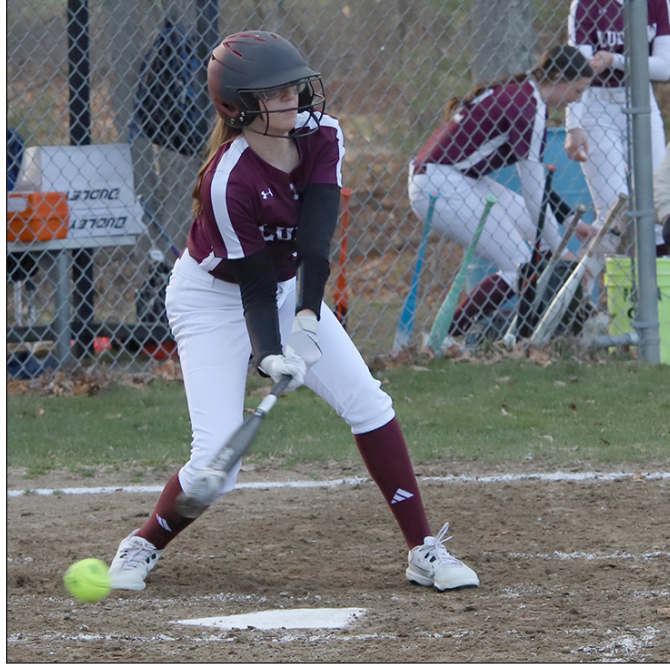
## Lions softball remains perfect this spring

LUDLOW – Last Monday afternoon, Ludlow High School softball kept its perfect record with a 5-2 win over visiting Minnechaug.

Both teams traded a pair of runs in the first inning, but Ludlow was able to finally take the lead for good with two runs in the third and an insurance run in the fourth.

Olivia Slatton had a 2-for-4 day with two singles and a run scored. Abby Monette would have an RBI in the contest. Madison Goncalves pitched and got the win for Ludlow. Minnechaug got two hits from Megan Pronovost. She also had both of Chaug's RBI.

Minnechaug is 2-4 while Ludlow is 5-0 this season.



Kylie Gregory fouls off a pitch.



Abby Monette slings a throw to first.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli



Isabella Leutsch watches the outfield as she heads for first base.



Caitlyn Peczka closes in and makes a catch in center.



Madison Goncalves sends a pitch home.

## Lions defeat Granby in six innings

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW – The first of two regular season meetings between the Granby and Ludlow varsity baseball teams took place on a chilly afternoon at the Ludlow Sports Complex.

While the fans tried to stay warm by wearing winter coats and blankets, the frigid conditions didn't seem to impact Ludlow junior Christian Kochanek very much.

The righthander tossed a two-hitter as the Lions moved above the .500 mark with an 11-1 victory over the Rams, last Tuesday. The Bi-County North contest ended with no outs in the bottom of the sixth inning due to the 10-run mercy rule.

"I actually love pitching in the cold weather," said Kochanek, who threw a total of 100 pitches. "I feel more energized on cold days. It's a lot better than sweating on hot days. I also pitched on a cold day against Monson last year."

Ludlow head coach Cam Rivest, who's also an assistant hockey coach at Ludlow High School under his father, Paul, also didn't mind the cold temperatures.

"I wore shorts while I was throwing batting practice before today's game," said Rivest, who also wore a short sleeve jacket. "I'm used to the cold weather due to hockey."

The home victory pushed the Lions overall record to 2-1, while the Rams fell to 1-3.

The Lions swept the season series a year ago after the Rams had accomplished the same feat in 2024.

Granby threatened to take an early lead in the first meeting of this season when junior shortstop Brandon Carillon walked with two outs in the top of the first inning before stealing second base. Carillon was stranded there, as Kochanek struck out the next batter. The righthander finished the game with 9 K's and six walks.

"Christian is a very good pitcher," Rivest said. "He threw a one-hitter against Amherst last year. He's gaining a lot of confidence."

The Lions failed to score a run against Granby junior righthander Joe Barrett in the bottom half of the opening frame.

Barrett worked the first three innings before being replaced on the mound by eighth grader Reymond

Barrett, who's also a righty. The Lions, who banded out ten base hits, scored three runs in the second inning with a little bit of help from the Rams defense.

Junior shortstop Luke Stejna swung at a strike three pitch leading off the inning, but he was safe at first base following a wild pitch. After stealing second base, Stejna advanced to third on another wild pitch before scoring on a passed ball. Senior third baseman Mason Morace drove home the Lions' second run with a double to center before scoring on a throwing error by the catcher.

Kochanek, who was 2-for-3 at the plate, helped himself with an RBI single to right with one-out in the third. Two batters later, sophomore right fielder Kellan Steigmeyer singled home another run, which was followed by a run scoring triple by junior leftfielder Connor Castro (2-for-3). He scored when senior second baseman Drayden Keirse hit a double to center. The last three runs were scored with two outs.

Granby senior Brodie Funk leadoff the third inning with a single up the middle into center field, which ended Kochanek's no-hit bid. Following a flyball out, the inning ended with a double play.

The Rams ended Kochanek's shutout bid with one swing of the bat with one out in the top of the fourth.

Granby's rally began with walks to Joe Barrett, junior left fielder Liam Everson, and junior second baseman Sam Moure, which loaded the bases with one out. Then freshman right fielder Andrew Grabherr hit a flyball single, which scored a run.

The next batter grounded into an inning ending double play.

The Lions responded by scoring three more runs in the bottom half of the fourth inning.

Senior centerfielder Alex Spurlock was hit-by-a-pitch leading off the frame before scoring on a wild pitch. Their other two runs were scored on groundball outs by senior catcher Ethan Steigmeyer and Stejna.

The game came to an end two innings later when Spurlock hit a leadoff off double past the third baseman down the left field line. He scored when Ethan Steigmeyer lined a single into left field making the score 11-1.

## Ludlow volleyball sweeps Southwick

LLUDLOW – Last Monday afternoon, Ludlow High School boys volleyball defeated Southwick Regional at home 3-0. All three wins for Ludlow were close contests. Ludlow won the sets 25-23, 25-21, and 25-23. Andre Costa had eight kills and Adam Riley turned in 20 assists in the sweep. Ludlow also defeated Frontier Regional 3-0 this past week, but lost to Vertias Prep last Friday and are now 2-3 on the season. The Lions face Minnechaug on Apr. 16 at 6:15 p.m.



Adam Riley sets to the other side of the net.



Nick Deroin gets the bump to his side.



Jordan Gray sends down a spike.



Ben Sanches fires a set away.



Cameron Dakers comes up with a block.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

## T-Birds suffer tough loss against rival Hartford Wolf Pack

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds (30-30-6-2) unleashed 37 attempts at the net of the Hartford Wolf Pack (25-35-5-3) but were kept in check in a 3-1 defeat at the hands of their Braman I-91 Rivalry Series opponents in front of a sellout crowd of 6,793 inside the MassMutual Center on Saturday night.

The T-Birds were sluggish out of the gates, and despite a seven-game losing streak coming into the game, the Wolf Pack took

advantage of early mistakes, beginning with an Anton Blihd goal off a cross-crease setup by Bryce McConnell-Barker at 7:58 of the first.

A Springfield penalty set the stage for Hartford's first and only power play of the game, and just 1:03 after Blihd's goal, Brendan Brisson made a high-light-reel play, putting the

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## Ludlow High School announces Term 3 Honor Roll

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clinical trials, newly ap- proved medications and lifestyle change led to his belief that he could outpace the progression of the disease, and how he is now an advocate through foundations like the Walk to End Alzhei- mer's. This event is free and open to the public, but space is limited. Please register by calling or tex- ting 413-530-5916 to re- serve your spot.

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be losing out on some SNAP benefits in the fall so I reached out to LPS Social Worker/CSC Board President Ron Hokanson who suggest- ed a great idea," said Keady. When planning the Sham- rock Share earlier this year, Hokanson shared that during the holidays, the center re- ceived a lot of donations but once spring arrives, the shelves are empty. Keady continued, "I said let's figure something out and Hokanson said to wait till spring, and then I reached out to Super- intendent Dr. Frank Tiano who's passionate about the Veterans Center and suggest- ed to include them as well. Director of Veteran Ser- vices Sgt. Eric Segundo is an amazing guy, so I reached out to him and he was one of our celebrity bartenders! It's all really worked out well considering it's the first time around. My goal is to have this

every year and make it bet- ter and better," said Keady. When sharing the type of do- nations received throughout the week, Keady highlighted the importance of donating hygiene and personal care items as well to the CSC and Veteran Services, like diapers, baby formula, tooth- paste, and more. "I would like to shout out to my sister Betsy who has helped me with all the marketing materials and my partner, she's put up with a lot. I have a wonderful fam- ily, I have a brother and sis- ters that have been extremely supportive, as well as nieces and nephews, who were mak- ing monetary donations. I am very lucky and blessed," said Keady. Keady ended by saying, "It's a passion of mine, no one should go hungry and no child should go to bed with an empty stomach." Consider donating to the CSC and Vet- eran Services, for more infor- mation visit their websites.

## T-BIRDS from Page 9

puck between his legs and chipping a forehander past Vadim Zherenko at 9:01 to make it a 2-0 score. Thunderbirds head coach Steve Ott called a timeout to try to quell Hartford's mo- mentum, but even that proved futile as Scott Morrow blast- ed a slapper that squeezed through Zherenko 39 seconds later to make it a 3-0 score. The T-Birds finally got one back at 13:28 when Zach Dean sauced a per- fect 2-on-1 pass to Hugh McGing, who elevated a shot

through Callum Tung to cut the lead to 3-1. From that point, Zhe- renko's night was relative- ly quiet, with Hartford only registering 13 shots for the remainder of the game af- ter their three-goal blitz in the opening period. The Springfield power play had a half-dozen chances to try to cut into the deficit, but the Hartford penalty killing in front of Tung held the fort, and the rookie backstop fin- ished his night with 36 stops for his sixth win of the sea- son and second in three starts against Springfield.

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The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Select Board's Conference Room on **Thursday, April 23, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.** on the application of Alex Wurszt of 103 Jerad Drive, Ludlow, MA (Assessors' Map 41, Parcel 26G) for: **home office for electrical contracting.**

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, May 14, 2026.

Raymond Phoenix  
Chairman  
04/08/2026, 04/15/2026

**LUDLOW PLANNING BOARD  
LEGAL NOTICE  
SITE PLAN**

The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Select Board's Conference Room on **Thursday, April 23, 2026, at 7:15 p.m.** on the application of Michael Sotiropoulos for the property located at **648 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA (Assessors' Map 16B, Parcel 84)** for the purpose of: **proposed 500 SF accessory dwelling unit (ADU).**

If for any reason this hearing is

cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, May 14, 2026.

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Division  
Docket No.  
HD26P0597EA  
Estate of:  
Anna G. Celona  
Also Known As:  
Ann G. Celona, Ann T. Celona,  
Anna T. Celona  
Date of Death:  
December 19, 2025  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Valerie T. Celona of Granby, CT

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Valerie T. Celona of Granby, CT has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory

and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.  
04/15/2026

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
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To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Patricia A Davis of Springfield, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Patricia A Davis of Springfield, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration.**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/12/2026.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.  
**UNSUPERVISED**

**ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**

A **Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.**

WITNESS, Hon. **Claudine T. Stoudemire**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: April 08, 2026  
**Rosemary A Saccomani**,  
Register of Probate  
04/15/2026

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT HAMPDEN, Div. Probate & Family Court Dept. HD26E0011PP**

To **Gary L. Guertin, of Hampden County, and to all other persons interested.**

A petition has been presented to said Court by **Jeffrey J. Guertin, of Middlesex County, rep-**

resenting that they hold as joint tenants in an undivided part or share of land lying in Ludlow, in the County of Hampden, setting forth that they desire that all of said land may be sold at private sale or public auction for not less than Three Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$360,000.00), and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof after full adjudication of the equitable claims contained in said petition and supplemental memorandum filed with the Court.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection in said Court at **Springfield** on or before **10:00 A.M.** on the return date of **May 19th, 2026.**

Witness, **Claudine T. Stoudemire**, First Justice of said Court, this 23rd day of March 2026.

**Rosemary A. Saccomani**,  
Register  
04/08, 04/15, 04/22/2026

**POND COMMITTEE**  
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not just say we can establish a budget because nobody knows what the budget is," said Gennette.

Nawracaj commented that Breault said the budget was \$30,000 and Gennette continued, "You have to add the ponds in to increase the budget, and you have to do the survey and all the other stuff. I think you need to take the ponds that you have, and obviously you have gotten started because Haviland

Pond looks great. I love what the Pond Committee is doing but we really have some ways to go before you actually get established like a budget. You do need funding, I want to fund you, but we need to get through...let's lean on Strange," said Gennette. Strange explained that he checked with the Accounting Department and found an account to fund the FY26 expenditures requested. "Then it would be up to the board whether to put in a line item to pay for FY27,"

said Strange. Gennette clarified stating that the board cannot let things go on with the ponds, "But we can't establish a budget yet until we know what the full scope of the budget is. Find ways to fund the fixes now but then we have to build it into a budget. We need a five-year plan so that we can establish all these criteria going forward. Fixing it now, bringing the other ponds on board, and getting a regular budget," said Gennette. Vice Chairperson Antho-

ny Alves stated the following, "One thing I do want to say though is I think we need to delineate the reason that the pond hasn't been treated is because we haven't been able to get the permits. We do need the funding to do it, but the timing of why it hasn't been treated yet I think is more driven by the permits rather than the lack of funds. I don't think it's fair necessarily to say that the Town is kicking it on and on, because there is a committee looking into it. What

I do want to say is that I commend the committee for coming back with this because it's clear you all looked at and listened to our comments," said Alves. Rosenblum added the point of helping clear the ponds in Town would help property values, "The idea is trying to set you up for FY27 to be on your budget line. This board is on board with it, as Member Manuel Silva says, the money is short for Minechoag. However, the permitting process has been holding us up on

this part of it," said Rosenblum. Before the conversation could end, Nawracaj pleaded to the board stating, "We need another \$5,765 this week." Rosenblum clarified and said to Nawracaj, "If that \$15,000 is there, do what you need to do with the other ponds because at Minechoag, we're still waiting for clarification. Once we get clarification and we have a dollar amount, then we can move from there," said Rosenblum.

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